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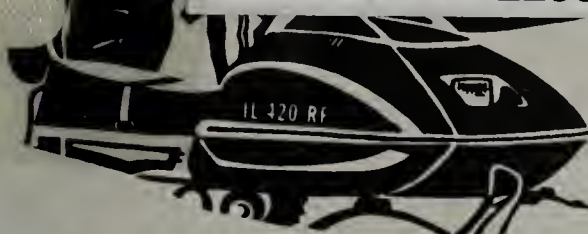
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1. HOW TO REGISTER YOUR SNOWMOBILE

The owner of each snowmobile requiring numbering by this State shall fill in an application form provided by the State and entitled "Application for Snowmobile Certificate of Number" and send the application form along with \$6.00 registration fee

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to the State of Illinois, Department of Conservation, Snowmobile License Section, 400 South Spring Street, Springfield, Illinois. Application forms must be typewritten or printed with ball-point pen and all information requested must be provided. It is essential that all applications be signed in the appropriate block. Fee must be submitted by check, draft or money order payable to the State of Illinois, Department of Conservation. Stamps will not be accepted. The Department will not be responsible for currency sent through the mail.

2. CERTIFICATE OF NUMBER

A Certificate of Number, showing the number assigned to your snowmobile, will be mailed to you. All Certificates issued shall continue in full force and effect for approximately two years. All Certificates will be considered invalid after October 15 of the year of expiration. All Certificates expiring in a given year shall be renewed between April 1 and September 30 of that year. All new Certificates issued will bear September 30 expiration dates in the calendar year two years after the issuing date.

3. SNOWMOBILES EXEMPTED FROM REGISTRATION

The following types of snowmobiles are not required to be registered:

A. Owned and used the the United States, another State, or a political subdivision thereof, but such snowmobiles shall display the name of the owner on the cowling thereof.

B. Covered by a valid registration or license of another State, Province or Country which is the domicile of the owner and is not operated for more than 30 consecutive days within Illinois in any one calendar year.

C. Owned and operated on lands owned by the owner or operator or on lands to which he has a contractual right other than as a member of a club or association, provided the snowmobile is not operated elsewhere within the State.

D. Used only on international or national competition circuits for which written permission has been obtained.

E. Racing machines used only on international or national competition circuits which are sanctioned by written permission from the proper authorities.



4. AFFIXING THE NUMBER TO THE SNOWMOBILE

The owner shall paint on or attach to both sides of the cowl of a snowmobile the identification number, which shall be of block characters at least three inches in height. The figures shall read from left to right, be of contrasting color to their background, and be maintained in a legible condition. In affixing the number to the snowmobile, a space or hyphen shall be provided between the IL prefix and the number and another space or hyphen between the number and the letters which follow.

5. TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP

If you purchase a snowmobile which already bears a State of Illinois number, you must make application for transfer of the Certificate of Number within 15 days. Fill in an application form provided by the State entitled "Application for Snowmobile Certificate of Number" and send the form along with a \$2.00 transfer fee to the State of Illinois, Department of Conservation, Snowmobile License Section. A transfer-renewal is \$6.00.

If the surrender is by reason of a sale or transfer either wholly or in part to another person or persons, the owner surrendering the Certificate shall state to the Department, under oath, the name of the purchaser or transferee.

6. CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR INTEREST

The Department of Conservation shall be notified in writing of any change of address. Should the new owner desire a new Certificate of Number, showing the new address, he shall surrender his old Certificate and notify the Department of the new address, remitting one dollar to cover the issuance of a new Certificate of Number.

7. RENEWAL OF CERTIFICATE OF NUMBER

The renewal fee for Certificate of Number is \$6.00; and Certificates of Number shall be renewed for two years from the nearest September 30. Renewal period is from April 1 to September 30 for a two year period.

8. DISPLAY OF EXPIRATION DECALS

The owner of each snowmobile shall receive registration expiration decals for all new Certificates of Number and all Certificates of Number renewed. The decals shall be affixed to each side of the cowling of the snowmobile adjacent to the registration number. These decals will be of a different and distinct color from the decals of each other year currently displayed.

9. DUPLICATE CERTIFICATE OF NUMBER AND/OR EXPIRATION DECAL

Should a Certificate of Number or registration decal become lost, destroyed, or mutilated beyond legibility, the owner of the snowmobile shall make application to the Department for the replacement of the Certificate or Decal, giving his name, address, and the number of his snowmobile, and shall at the same time pay to the Department a fee of \$1.00. Requests for duplicate decals may be in writing or by use of the Application for Certificate of Number Form.

10. IN CASE OF ACCIDENT

Whenever a snowmobile is involved in a collision or accident causing injury or death to persons or property damage over \$100, a report must be made to the Department. All snowmobile accidents which result in death or serious injury to any person shall be reported by the operator within 48 hours. All other accidents shall be reported within 5 days. The report will be confidential and without prejudice to the individual reporting. Forms for the reporting of accidents in the above categories may be obtained from your local Conservation Office or from the Department.

11. SNOWMOBILE EQUIPMENT

All snowmobiles operating within the State of Illinois shall be equipped with:

A. At least one white head-lamp having a minimum candlepower of sufficient intensity to exhibit a white light plainly visible from a distance of at least 500 feet ahead during hours of darkness under normal atmospheric conditions.

B. At least one red tail lamp having a minimum candlepower of sufficient intensity to exhibit a red light plainly visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear during hours of darkness under normal atmospheric conditions.

C. A brake system in good mechanical condition.

D. Reflective material of a minimum area of 16 square inches mounted on each side of the cowling. Identifying numbers may be included in computing the required 16 square inch area.

E. Adequate sound suppression equipment. No snowmobile manufactured after June 1, 1972, shall be sold or offered for sale, unless it is equipped with sound suppression devices that limit total machine noise in accordance with noise pollution standards established pursuant to the Environmental Protection Act.

12. OPERATION OF SNOWMOBILES

It shall be unlawful for any person to drive or operate any snowmobile in the following ways:

A. At a rate of speed too fast for conditions and the fact that the speed of the snowmobile does not exceed the applicable minimum speed limit allowed does not relieve the driver from the duty to decrease speed as may be necessary to avoid colliding with any person or vehicle or object.

B. In a careless, reckless or negligent manner.

C. While under the influence of intoxicating beverages or narcotic or dangerous drugs.

D. At any time without at least one lighted head-lamp and one lighted tail lamp on the snowmobile.

E. Within 500 yards of any nature preserve.

F. On the tracks or right-of-way of an operating railroad.

G. In any tree nursery or planting in a manner which damages or destroys growing stock.

H. On private property, without the written consent of the owner or lessee thereof. The owner, lessee, or occupant of premises owes no duty to keep the premises safe for entry or use by others for snowmobiling, or to give warning of any unsafe conditions on such premises.

I. It is unlawful for any person to drive or operate any snowmobile on a highway in this State except as follows:

1. On highways other than tollways, interstate highways and limited access highways snowmobiles may make a direct crossing provided:

a. The crossing is made at an angle of approximately 90 degrees to the direction of the highway and at a place where no obstruction prevents a quick and safe crossing; and

b. The snowmobile is brought to a complete stop before crossing a highway; and

c. The operator yields the right-of-way to all oncoming traffic which constitutes a hazard.

2. On highways other than State highways, tollways, interstate highways and limited access highways snowmobiles may be operated not less than 15 feet from the roadway and in the same direction as traffic.

3. On highways other than State highways, tollways, interstate highways and limited access highways snowmobiles may be operated on roadways when it is necessary to cross a bridge or culvert or when it is impracticable to gain immediate access to an area adjacent to a highway where a snowmobile is to be operated.

I. Youthful Operators — It is unlawful for any person without a valid motor vehicle driver's license to operate a snowmobile on a highway as provided in Section 12.1.

1. No person under 10 years of age may operate a snowmobile.

2. Persons at least 10 and less than 12 years of age may operate a snowmobile only if they are either accompanied on the snowmobile by a parent, guardian, or a person at least 18 years of age designated by a parent or guardian.

3. Persons at least 12 and less than 16 years of age may operate a snowmobile only if they are accompanied on the snowmobile by a parent or guardian or a person at least 16 years of age designated by a parent or guardian, or such operator is in possession of a certificate issued by the Department authorizing the holder to operate snowmobiles.

4. Violations of this Section done with the knowledge of a parent or guardian shall be deemed a violation by the parent or guardian and punishable under Section 6 of Article XI or this Act.

K. Operation on Ice — Snowmobiles may be operated on the frozen waters of this State subject to the rules and regulations of the Department.

